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SUBJECT:ICRC IN HORN OF AFRICA

1. INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, JEAN-PIERRE HOCKE, IN NEW YORK WITH ICRC PRESIDENT HAY, INFORMED DEPTOFF BY TELEPHONE MARCH 14 THAT ICRC CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FROM GENEVA, DR. REMY RUSBACH, IS ARRIVING MOGADISCIO MARCH 16 TO EVALUATE MEDICAL AND OTHER RELIEF NEEDS IN SOMALIA AND RELATED AREAS. HAY AND HOCKE ARE MEETING WITH SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO UNITED NATIONS
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IN NEW YORK LATER TODAY TO URGE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT FACILITATE ICRC RELIEF EFFORT, IN VIEW OF SERIOUS NEEDS FREDICTED IN COMING DAYS AND WEEKS.

2. HOCKE ALSO SAID THAT ICRC'S DELEGATE IN ADDIS ABABA HAS BEEN TO HARRAR, WHERE HE VISITED SOME SOMALI PRISONERS AND DISCUSSED MEDICAL AND RELIEF REQUIREMENTS. ICRC ALSO

PLANS TO CONTACT ETHIOPIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. AS REPORTED SEPTTEL (NOTAL), PRESIDENT HAY INFORMED SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS IN WASHINGTON OF ICRC'S READINESS TO UNDERTAKE SUBSTANTIALLY EXPANDED PROGRAM IN HORN OF AFRICA AS SOON AS AGREEMENT FOR THIS IS OBTAINED FROM THE

PARTIES INVOLVED. HAY AND HOCKE ALSO DISCUSSED THIS WITH SEC GEN WALDHEIM, AND WITH UNHCR OFFICE IN NY. ICRC WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH UNHCR TO COORDINATE PROGRAMS. VANCE

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